

The rule also provides that it shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, to consider concurrent resolutions providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate during the month of July. Testimony was heard from Representatives Arcuri, McCarthy (NY), Burton (IN), Hastings (WA), Flake, Heller and Jordan (OH).

NASA BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on External Perspectives on the FY 2010 NASA Budget Request and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Advisory Council of NASA: Kenneth Ford, Chair; and Robert Hanisee, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee; and public witnesses.

TEXTILE IMPORT ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade held a hearing on Textile Import Enforcement: Is the Playing Field Level for American Small Businesses? Testimony was received from Dan Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

VA CLAIMS BACKLOG

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Addressing the Backlog: Can VA Manage One Million Claims? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: LTG James Scott, USA (Ret.), Chairman, Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; and Michael Walcoff, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; RADM Gregory Timberlake, USN, Acting Director, DOD/VA Interagency Program Office; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2770, Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 1197, Medal of Honor Health Care Equity Act of 2009; H.R. 1302, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 1335, To amend title 38, United States Code, to

prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 1546, Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2009; H.R. 2734, Health Care for Family Caregivers Act of 2009; H.R. 2738, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide travel expenses for family caregivers accompanying veterans to medical treatment facilities; and Draft Legislation on Extending Healthcare to Vietnam-era Veterans Exposed to Herbicides and Gulf War Veterans, Providing Supportive Services for Family Caregivers of Veterans, and Requiring VA to Collect Survey Data on Family Caregivers. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mitchell, Hare, Halvorson, McNerney, Perriello and Teague.

NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology of the Committee on Financial Services held a joint hearing on New Market Tax Credit Program. "Testimony was heard from Donna J. Gambrell, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported as amended H.R. 2701, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

GLOBAL WARMING'S GROWING CONCERNS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Global Warming's Growing Concerns: Impacts on Agriculture and Forestry." Testimony was heard from Jerry Hatfield, Supervisory Plant Physiologist, USDA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

UPCOMING KYRGYZSTAN ELECTIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine upcoming Kyrgyzstan elections, after receiving testimony from Zamira Sydykova, Ambassador of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to the United States; and Erica Marat, The Jamestown Foundation, and Laura Jewett, National Democratic Institute, both of Washington, DC.